

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE – Governor's Forest Health Council

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

Thursday, February 12, 2009

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Home and Garden Expo

1710 E. Washington Street

Phoenix, AZ

Meeting Objective: To learn more about the Forest Health Council's role with Governor Brewer; to review the FHC workplan and set priorities and a presentation schedule for 2009; to discuss the scorecard and preamble language; to review the council's work aimed at accelerating restoration across the Mogollon Rim, and receive an update on the Northern Arizona Pilot Project; to review the work of the WUI Building Code Working group; and to learn about the State Forestry Farm Bill Assessment.

- 1) Call to order – Ethan A., Molly P., Steve R., Lucy M., Rob D., Norris D., Don F., Pascal B. –alternate for Steve G., Glen B., Mark B. –alternate for Mayor Presler., Todd S., Rob S., Ron W., Darrell W.
- 2) Approval of the Minutes from the January FHC meeting – approved
- 3) Update on the Brewer administration ~ Cheryl Lombard
Mike Anable will be the appointed Policy Advisor. He is aware of the forest, state land and water issues throughout the state. He will be the contact for direction to the council.
- 4) FHC workplan review and update ~ Ethan Aumack and Molly Pitts
 - a. 2009 priorities -
 - b. Presentations through June
 1. Climate Change
 2. Contracting
 3. Invasive Species
 4. Building codes
 5. Legislation Issues
 6. Wildlife Principles
 - 1 - There was a lengthy discussion regarding appropriate presentation techniques for the issue of climate change. Volunteers for the climate change presentation are, Sandy Bahr, Rob Davis, Nina, Brenda, Lucy M. for mid April.
 - 2- The group discussed the need to convene experts to discuss long-term contracting mechanisms and barriers. Volunteers for that presentation include Lucy, Pascal, Todd and Rob.
 - 3-There have been extensive studies regarding invasive species that Lori and Steve have worked on and can be linked with climate and landscape scale restoration.
 - 4- A formal working group has been set up to get more information on building codes. Norris Dodd offered to join the group. Ron will be giving monthly updates at the council meetings.
 - 5-In the context of proposed legislation that the Council might discuss and provide recommendations for, the council re-clarified its role as one providing advice to the Governor. Darrell Willis will provide information on proposed legislation concerning fire works and building protection at the next meeting.
 - 6-Wildlife Principles and status, volunteer Steve R.
- 5) Update/discussion regarding Statewide Strategy Scorecard and preamble language ~ Glen Buettner and Ethan Aumack

Glen B distributed a draft of the Scorecard. It has been requested that this document be kept for internal use within the council because of incomplete data. The goal of the scorecard is to measure changes over time. The scorecard will include target metrics such as community protection, restoration of forest resources, fire management planning, sustainable economic development, public education and ongoing statewide coordination.

6) Landscape Implementation Working Group update

- a. Mogollon Rim accelerated restoration ~ Ethan Aumack and Molly Pitts
- b. Northern Arizona Pilot Project ~ Lucy Murfitt

a) The working group has been working with the 7 counties and they have supported work proposed thus far. The CSA has secured and supported the resolution. Corbin Newman has drafted a letter but has not yet formally sent it to the council. The proposed op-ed from Corbin was reviewed by Ethan. The letter does not suggest a timeline, but does call for staff and the funding needed on the ground.

b) There has been no response from the FS since December regarding the Northern Arizona Pilot Project.

7) WUI Building Code Working Group update ~ Ron Williams –

Bob Barger, Mark Herrington, Larry Stephenson, Ron Williams, Darrell Willis, and Norris Dodd are all members of this group. Four communities have formally adopted WUI building codes. The goal of the group is to work towards having more communities adopt codes.

8) Presentation on State Forestry Farm Bill Assessment ~ Glen Buettner –

Glen's presentation included information of the 2008 Farm Bill and the new requirements the state will have to meet in order to receive federal funding. Glen described overlap and gaps related to the Statewide Strategy. Glen will be updating the council regularly and would like to have council involvement as the process moves forward.

9) Meeting schedule and locations

- a. March 12, 2009, County Supervisors Association Building –
- b. April - moved to the 16th due to Passover and the Easter Holiday

10) Call to the Public – none

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.

Dated this February 8, 2009

Governor's Forest Health Council

<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>

CO-CHAIRS

Ethan Aumack – Grand Canyon Trust

Molly Pitts – Northern Arizona Wood Products Association

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